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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Powder found in letter at Warren court likely talcum; Building evacuated Monday morning after substance fell out

"Preliminary testing on a letter containing white powder opened at the 37th District Court by court employees Monday indicated the powder didn't contain any harmful materials, a source familiar with the investigation told The Detroit News. Employees of the court, however, were evacuated Monday morning as a precaution after the substance was discovered."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Warren mayor makes sure nuptials go off as planned after court scare

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Powder that forced Warren district court evacuation not dangerous

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Worthy gets \$5.6M budget boost in settlement with Wayne County

"Wayne County and Prosecutor Kym Worthy reached a tentative agreement Monday to settle a legal battle by adding \$5.6 million to her office's budget. The deal, which would resolve a suit Worthy filed against the county, sets her 2012-13 budget at \$31 million."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Wayne Co. prosecutor Kym Worthy, county reach tentative \$5.6M deal

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Wayne County prosecutor, executive reach budget agreement

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Man convicted in slaying of ex-trooper, wife in Eaton County

"A man who authorities say created a fake job to gain work release from jail and then killed a former Michigan state trooper and his wife has been convicted of murder and gun charges.... [Christopher Perrien will] get life in prison without parole when sentenced May 9.... Court records say Perrien told a judge he worked for a nonexistent company to gain release from the Eaton County jail."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan man convicted in slaying of ex-trooper, wife

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Christopher Perrien convicted of killing Delta Twp. couple

[Full story](#)

The Daily News/Iron Mountain: Friend of the Court Annual Statutory Review

"Under Michigan law the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the Friend of the Court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2013."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Appellate advocacy in the 21st century; Conference is held every three years

"... The welcome session featured remarks from Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Chief Judge William B. Murphy and Foundation Co-Chair Mary Massaron Ross.... [Former Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk] Sandra Schultz Mengel was the 2013 recipient of the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award, given to those who have made a significant contribution to the profession as a member of the Appellate Practice Section."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Viviano to deliver keynote address at Cooley orientation

"Cooley Law School's Auburn Hills campus will hold its Professionalism in Action Orientation for incoming law students on today from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano will serve as the keynote speaker and will address a variety of topics, including student development, professionalism and ethics in the legal profession."

[Full story](#)

Dowagiac Daily News: Hall of Fame inducts Dobrich

"... On Saturday night, surrounded by folks who still know her as Susie, [Family Court Judge Susan Dobrich] who succeeded Herbert Phillipson Jr. in 1995, established CASA in 1997 and trains for the Michigan Judicial Institute and the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals constituted the 2013 class of the Edwardsburg Public Schools Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement at the sixth annual induction dinner at the Performing Arts Center."

[Full story](#)

Gaylord Herald Times: Need great for foster parents

"National Foster Care Month begins Wednesday, May 1.... [Darla Edwards] said there are a variety of reasons for desperately needing more [foster] parents. One primary reason is to keep children in their own community, near their school, biological parents and friends."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Gaylord Herald Times: Our View: Need for foster parents remains great

[Full story](#)

Grand Haven Tribune: Learning the law: Law Day celebrations all this week at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Grand Haven

"... A mock trial staged by students from St. Mary's and Corpus Christi Catholic schools will take place in front of Judge Jon Hulsing in courtroom 3B from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Judge Ed Post and attorney David Rhem will unveil the Hanging of the Judges Portrait ceremony in courtroom 3B from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Reserve your 'space' at 36th District Court

"To celebrate Law Day 2013, the 36th District Court in Detroit is offering space to attorneys who want to give back to their community and volunteer their time answering legal questions in civil cases. According to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, in previous years topics have included real estate, family law, contracts, landlord-tenant, collections, bankruptcy, child support and probate."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Midland County Commission committee recommends board deny MDN FOIA appeal

"An appeal of a Michigan Freedom of Information Act, submitted by the Midland Daily News to Midland County, will now proceed to the full board after the county's Human Services Committee recommended denying the appeal. Attempting to gain copies of a report of an investigation of Chief District Court Judge John H. Hart, the Daily News originally submitted the FOIA to Midland County Administrator/Controller Bridgette Gransden on March 14."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Volunteer program offers short-term foster care for families in crisis

"... Launched in Michigan in March 2011 by Grand Rapids-based Bethany Christian Services, it has some 50 volunteer host families like the Baileys across West Michigan and the Traverse City area with plans to add 25 more and expand to Lansing and Flint. The concept is simple: Extend a helping hand to families in crisis, without involving state bureaucracy, with the goal of keeping children and parents together."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Kalamazoo Gazette: 2013 STAR Awards: Bethany Christian Services' Safe Families for Children program serves as alternative to foster care

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Muskegon Chronicle: Tearful, remorseful gunpoint robber of 80-year-old retired Muskegon judge gets prison

"Romero Geonee Neal – about to be sentenced for drunkenly trying to rob 80-year-old retired Muskegon County Probate Judge Tom Linck at gunpoint outside a church -- wept, promised never to get in trouble again and pleaded not to be sent to prison for years. Muskegon County Circuit Judge Annette R. Smedley expressed sympathy but stuck to her earlier sentencing commitment: a minimum of 19 years in prison, with a potential maximum of 32 years."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 'Meet the Judges Party' offers networking opportunities, May 16

"The Oakland County Bar Association's New Lawyers Committee will host the 'Spring 2013 Meet the Judges Party' on Thursday, May 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Birmingham Athletic Club located at 4033 W. Maple Rd. in Bloomfield Hills. The annual event offers the opportunity to meet and network with fellow lawyers, judges, and distinguished guests of the State of Michigan and Oakland County."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court officers address PALS

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) hosted a general meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at the Polish Village Café in Hamtramck. Among those enjoying the evening were Michael Jones, court officer and guest speaker; retired Judge Richard Wygonik, PALS president; and Victor Lotycz, court officer and guest speaker [among others]."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Seeks a New General Counsel

"The Michigan Supreme Court is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Supreme Court general counsel.... The new Supreme Court counsel will succeed Matthew Schneider, who has accepted a position as chief legal counsel to Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. In March, Schneider was recognized as

a 'Leader in the Law' by Michigan Lawyers Weekly for, among other achievements, his contributions to court and judicial reform."

[Full story](#)

Sturgis Journal: A mix of familiar and new for District Court judge

"Rob Pattison described his first day on the job as St. Joseph County District Court judge as a 'coming-home' experience.... Pattison is wrapping up his fourth month as successor to William Welty, who chose to not seek re-election after more than 20 years on the bench."

[Full story](#)

Sturgis Journal: Transition smooth for new probate judge

"David Tomlinson doesn't have an exclusive parking spot, he wears a second-hand robe and his days in court often involve hearing details of depressing situations. Still, the 62-year-old Tomlinson said he wakes up daily looking forward to his work as St. Joseph County's probate judge. Tomlinson is completing his fourth month, successor to longtime judge Tom Shumaker, who chose to not seek re-election in 2012."

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